



State of Arizona
Department of Education

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To: Superintendents and Homeless Liaisons
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Subject: Response required by April 21, 2006

On December 30, 2005, the U.S. Congress passed H.R. 2863 and appropriated funds to provide "Temporary Emergency Aid for Displaced Students." The provisions include funds to both public and non-public (private) schools in which students displaced by Hurricanes Katrina or Rita have enrolled. The funds are to be used to provide services and assistance to schools with displaced students. Any eligible school that has served at least one displaced student may apply for these funds. Funds are being allocated in multiple payments. ADE is anticipating the first payment from USED on or before February 16, 2006; therefore distributions to the LEAs will be made as March payments. The purpose of this letter is to alert you of the timeline and process for applying for payment for **Quarter 4**.

First, you will need to contact only the administrators for the non-public (private) schools within your boundaries who reported having displaced students in Quarters 1, 2, & 3. In order for non public school students to be eligible, they must have been enrolled prior to December 30, 2005 and still have been enrolled as of April 1, 2006. Attached are two updated forms you must supply to the non-public school officials: (1) Application by Parent or Guardian, and (2) Certification By Non-Public Schools. Additionally, these forms can be downloaded at <http://www.ade.az.gov/katrina>. The non-public school official's responsibility is to disseminate the information to parents of their displaced students, collect the parent applications, complete the Certification for their non-public school, and return all documentation to your district office no later than Tuesday, April 20, 2006.

Second, you will need to collect data on the number of displaced students enrolled in your public schools, with and without disabilities, on April 1, 2006. "*Displaced student*" is defined as "*a student who enrolled in an elementary school or secondary school (other than the school that the student was enrolled in, or was eligible to be enrolled in, on August 22, 2005) because such student resides or resided on August 22, 2005, in an area for which a major disaster has been declared in accordance with section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170), related to Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita.*"

Third, use the information gathered regarding displaced students for both public and non-public schools within your boundaries to complete the attached "Application by Local Educational Agencies." Both pages of this form must be received by ADE **on or before Friday, April 21, 2006**. Signatures are required. In order to receive funding for Quarter 4, your LEA must adhere to this timeline. **No extensions to this deadline are available.**

If you have not enrolled any displaced students, nor have any of the non-public schools within your boundaries, you need not apply.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns. I can be reached by phone at (602) 542-4963, by email at mmcvey@ade.az.us, or fax at (602) 542-3100. As always, your cooperation is greatly appreciated.